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The Price Of Freedom

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THE PRICE OF FREEDOMI. MAN HAS A GOD-GIVEN HUNGER & IN-BORN THIRST FOR FREEDOM OF SOUL, BODY AND MIND.

A. THORNTON: "True freedom consists with the observance of law. Adam was as free in paradise as in the wilds to which he was banished for his transgressions."

TRUE: Gen. 1:27-31.* 2:15-17. One *Price!* exception

JAMES OTIS: "God almighty has given to all men a natural RIGHT to be free; and they have it ordinarily in their power to MAKE themselves so!"

ADAM: represented the PATRIARCHAL period. Bible
Man started free and lost it. le

B. OMAR N. BRADLEY: "Freedom! No word was ever spoken that has held out greater hope; demanded greater sacrifice, needed more to be nurtured, blessed more the giver; or came closer to being God's Will on earth." (Mead, p.150) *PRICE*

TRUE: Lev. 25:8-10. 25:18-21. Prosperity!

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS: "Freedom is the need of the sou and nothing else. It is in striving toward God that the soul strives continually after a condition of freedom. God alone! is the inciter and guarantor of freedom. He is the ONLY guarantor."

MOSES: represented the MOSAIC perion-Bible.
Started free + lost it.

C. ELBERT HUBBARD: "I believe in freedom----- social, economic, domestic, political, mental and spiritual!." Jesus knew we all do! *Price 4.4*

TRUE: John 18:37. John 8:30-32. *Gal. 3:1.

RICHARD LOVELACE: "If I have freedom in my love; and in my soul am free, Angels alone that soar above, enjoy such liberty!!"

CHRIST: is God's symbol of freedom today!!

Start free! Lose it??

II. FROM WHAT DOES MAN WANT TO BE FREE TODAY? 5 things

A. FROM WANT!

Needs food, clothing, shelter, goals, love and God.

B. FROM PAIN! **Illness, accident, disease, injury, infection, and human suffering.**

C. FROM ERROR! Misinformation, lies, half-truth propaganda, sophistry and deception.

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D. FROM CONFLICT: wars, strife, envy, enmity, jealousy, wrath, hate and animosity.

E. FROM SIN: unrighteousness, crime, evil deeds, crooked-works, shady-deals, etc.

III. JESUS PROMISES FREEDOM ALL THE WAY IN EVERY WAY! *SHAME! GUILT!*

A. WANT.

PRICE! *for the righteous!! only!*
Matt. 6:25-32, 33! 22:37-39. Eph. 4:28.

B. PAIN.

Avoid excesses and live temperantly & moderately.
Eat right. Work right. Sleep right. Play right. Live clean. Love God.

* I Thess. 5:21-23. *PRICE!*

C. ERROR.

Get all the facts. Handle them honestly.

Keep the right attitude. Pray: Jas. 1:5.

II Tim. 2:15. *PRICE!* II Tim. 3:16-17. Any better?

D. CONFLICT.

perched *up*
People sometimes get confused as to WHO is causing the conflict!!! Ill. Like lady who called the City Humane Soc. Said, "Come quickly and get the MAILMAN out of our elm tree. He's perched on a limb teasing my bulldog with a long stick!"

Romans 12:17-18. 12:9-10. Eph. 4:32.

Ill. And...some of our conflicts are purely unfortunate mistakes or misunderstandings.

LIKE: Cornell U. professor awakened at 4:00 a.m. by irate woman who demanded he stop his dog from barking so she could get some sleep. He listened and thanked her kindly. NEXT MORNING: HER phone rang at 4 a.m. He spoke softly and kindly: "Mrs. Mrs. Gruenwald! I DO NOT own a dog!"

E. SIN. John 8:32. Truth!

Truth is the gospel! * IP. 1:24-25.

Gospel is: Facts to be believed. Commands to be obeyed. Blessings to be enjoyed.

CLOSE: ✓ FACT: Jesus is the Son of God! Matt. 16:16.

✓ COMMAND: Believe & be baptized. Mk. 16:15-16

✓ PROMISE: John 14:6. 14:1-3.